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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

T. Shimamura et al.

Application No.: 09/490,113

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For: CARRIER MECHANISM

Group Art Unit: 2697

Examiner: G. Burke

Docket No.: 107156-09070

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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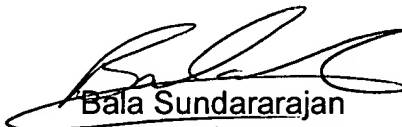
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